



Call for Applications 2025-26 Rome Fellowships (nine months)

Closing date: 2 December 2024
(apply on <https://bsrome.slideroom.com>)

Rome Fellowships are intended for early career researchers working on any aspect of the social, religious, political and economic cultures of the Italian peninsula and their wider textual, visual and material dissemination and reception from early prehistory to the modern period.

We would particularly welcome applications from those whose backgrounds are underrepresented at the BSR (including, but not limited to, people from Black, Asian, and other minoritized ethnic backgrounds).

ROME FELLOWSHIPS OFFER

- board and lodging at the BSR for 9 months (late September 2025–June 2026)
- a monthly research grant of £800
- full staff support, including with access to special collections, libraries, museums, and archaeological/art historical sites not normally open to the public
- Italian language lessons on site
- 24/7 access to the BSR library
- Opportunities to participate in site visits, workshops, seminars, and our public events programme

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants normally must be within three years of the award of their doctorate at the closing date for applications. Progression through other research fellowships or assistantships and teaching posts will not be considered a valid reason for not meeting this criterion. However, someone whose career has been interrupted by, for example, maternity leave, family commitments, or illness, will be considered sympathetically.
- PhD candidates planning to submit their doctoral thesis by August 2025 may apply.
- Applicants must be UK or Commonwealth nationals OR have been awarded their doctorate by a UK university.

TERMS

1. Fellows will normally live at the BSR.
2. Family members can normally be accommodated for limited periods by prior agreement but will be asked to pay for their board and lodging at the BSR's prevailing rates. Applicants with caring responsibilities and additional needs should contact the Programmes Manager (Courtney Quaintance, programmes.manager@bsrome.it) to discuss these directly.
3. Fellows must take out appropriate medical insurance for the duration of their tenure.

4. It is the responsibility of the Fellow to obtain, if required, an appropriate visa and/or rights to live in Italy for the award duration.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Our recruitment processes this year will be name blind.
- Applications seeking solely to revise a thesis for publication, without undertaking additional research in Rome, are unlikely to be successful.
- Normally two successive awards for the same project will not be considered.

Applications will be assessed using the following criteria:

1. The inherent academic significance and interest of the project proposed, and the feasibility of completion to the timetable stated.
2. The suitability of the project for the BSR, bearing in mind its location, resources and access to resources.
3. The academic merit of the applicant judged by his/her previous record and references, including her/his prospects of making a future contribution to scholarship.
4. The suitability of the candidate to contribute to the academic community of the BSR and the need to ensure a reasonable balance between different disciplines and chronological periods within the BSR's academic community.
5. The role of the Fellowships, Scholarships and Awards in promoting Italian studies in the UK and the Commonwealth.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION: The BSR seeks to be a place where all are welcome regardless of their identity or background, and where all can thrive in an inclusive environment that values and celebrates diversity. [Read our Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy.](#)

ACCESS: It is the policy of the BSR to offer full or equivalent access to all users. Applicants with special needs are requested to contact the Programmes Manager (Courtney Quaintance, programmes.manager@bsrome.it) to discuss requirements.

PRIVACY: The BSR is committed to protecting your privacy. [Read our privacy policy.](#)

*The BSR reserves the right to alter any aspect of the residencies and competitions.
The BSR is a charity registered in England and Wales (no. 314176).*